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SUBJECT: PRODUCTION OF USSR FOOD INDUSTRY 1978

- 1. JANUARY-APRIL FOOD INDUSTRY PRODUCTION REPORT IN EKONOMICHESKAYA GAZETA ARE SHOWN BELOW.
- 2. COMMENT: GAINS OF 3-12 PERCENT OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1977 REGISTERED FOR ALL REPORTED ITEMS EXCEPT BUTTER.
- 3. 1978 MEAT AND SAUSAGE PRODUCTION CONTINUED TO EXCEED THAT OF 1977 FOR THE SAME PERIOD.
- 4. EXPANSION OF WHOLE MILK PRODUCTION IN THE CENTRALIZED SECTOR CONTINUES ITS STEADY INCREASE.
- 5. BUTTER PRODUCTION FOR APRIL WAS BELOW 1977 LEVELS AS IT WAS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY. THEREFORE, THE FACT THAT MARCH 1978 PRODUCTION VIRTUALLY EQUALLED MARCH 1977 WAS A SHORT TERM ABERATION RATHER THAN AN INDICATOR OF A DECISION TO SHIFT TOWARD BUTTER PRODUCTION FROM CHEESE PRODUCTION.

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- 6. VEGETABLE OIL PRODUCTION REGISTERED THE STRONGEST GAINS FOR THE FOUR MONTH PERIOD. APRIL'S INCREASE OVER APRIL 1977 WAS GREAT ENOUGH TO PULL THE RATE OF INCREASE UP YET ONE MORE PERCENTAGE POINT FROM OUR MARCH REPORT.
- 7. PRODUCTION OF FOOD INDUSTRY, CENTRALIZED SECTOR ONLY

JANUARY THRU APRIL (THOUSAND METRIC TONS):

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